

Senate Resolution 1500

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Butterworth of the 50th, Chapman of the 3rd, Moody of the 56th and Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's power linemen; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia's power linemen diligently and conscientiously devote their time,
3 talents, and energy to providing customers, communities, and this state with emergency
4 support and services during power outages; and

5 WHEREAS, power linemen of Georgia are available for emergencies 24 hours a day, seven
6 days a week, and 365 days a year, traveling throughout this state and to other states when
7 storm support is needed; and

8 WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals help keep Georgians and others warm in the
9 winter and cool in the summer, often facing extreme conditions outdoors in order to restore
10 lost power to customers; and

11 WHEREAS, when there is an urgent need to have power restored to an area, Georgia's power
12 linemen must sacrifice time away from their families on birthdays and holidays in order to
13 provide power needed to restore comfort and safety to customers; and

14 WHEREAS, power linemen serve as the hearts and hands of their respective companies,
15 delivering services directly to customers by building and maintaining electrical systems that
16 reach 155 of Georgia's 159 counties; and

17 WHEREAS, these strong and skilled individuals are able to climb wood, metal, and concrete
18 poles up to 90 feet high and use specialized equipment such as cable locators, fault
19 indicators, impulse generators, manual switches, automatic switching cubicles, and other
20 smart grid tools to troubleshoot and repair outages; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia's power linemen train and work for up to five years as an apprentice
22 learning the skills to repair and operate electric systems before earning journeyman lineman
23 status; and

24 WHEREAS, they utilize digger derrick trucks, insulated aerial devices, swamp buggies, and
25 boats to install cutouts, switches, capacitors, reclosers, transformers, and to move string,
26 splice, and sag wire on energized circuits; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia's power linemen have won the International Rodeo in 1993, 1994,
28 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005, and 2008, surpassing the performances of hundreds of teams
29 from around the globe; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments and
31 service of these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the power linemen of Georgia's Electric Membership Corporations, Georgia
34 Power, and Electric Cities of Georgia for their sacrifice and selfless service to the people of
35 Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia's Electric Membership
38 Corporations, Georgia Power, and Electric Cities of Georgia.